



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

- WHEREAS: Every child in Georgia has the right to a high-quality education. Increasing access to high-performing schools and improving education outcomes is necessary to ensure the continued growth and development of Georgia's greatest resource, the minds of our youngest learners, for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the critical role of an effective and accountable education system in preparing our children to thrive both in the classroom and in the future workforce. As a result, Georgia is home to a multitude of high-quality public schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools; and
- WHEREAS: School choice options available to families have expanded nationwide in six main areas: traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, virtual schools, and home schools. Additional programs such as opportunity scholarships, scholarship and tuition tax credits, and empowerment scholarship accounts provide parents with the means to choose the best educational environment for their children; and
- WHEREAS: The outstanding teaching professionals in public, private, and charter schools across our state are committed to providing our children with the knowledge and skills required to meet the challenges of today, tomorrow, and beyond. As research in Georgia and across our nation demonstrates, increasing access to multiple schooling options improves academic performance, regardless of income level, geography, or learning ability; and
- WHEREAS: The vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and partisan affiliation; and
- WHEREAS: School Choice Week is recognized by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and community leaders across the country and presents the opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of an effective education system in providing students with greater opportunities for academic achievement and continued success; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 21–27, 2018, as SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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